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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer
Mourning the Loss of Navy SEAL Brett D. Shadle

"Arizona grieves today for an American hero who has lost his life in service to this country. Special Warfare Operator Chief Brett D. Shadle, a member of Navy SEAL Team 6, was killed Thursday during a parachute training exercise in southern Arizona when he and another SEAL collided in midair. The second SEAL, who remains unidentified, reportedly is hospitalized in stable condition.

"Chief Shadle, 31, was highly-decorated and had served this country during deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan. His death illustrates once again the daily risks our service members face at home and abroad, whether in combat or training. I ask that Arizonans join me in praying for Chief Shadle's friends, family and fellow service members, including the second SEAL injured during Thursday's tragic accident.

"In honor of Special Warfare Operator Chief Brett D. Shadle, I have ordered that flags at all State buildings be flown at half-staff until sunset today, March 30, 2013."

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